

AMENDMENT
U.S. Appln. No. 09/869,523

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 1-5 have been rewritten for the sake of clarity without changing the scope thereof.

No new matter has been added.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter at page 3 of the Office Action.

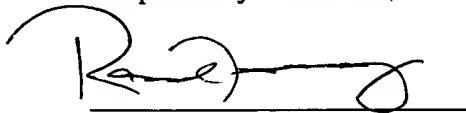
The Office Action contains a single rejection. Specifically, Claims 1-5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

In response, Applicants have amended Claims 1-5. Amended Claims 1-5 satisfy each and every requirement of §112. Withdrawal of the §112 rejection is requested.

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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